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Dated: May 27, 1992.

Stuart L. Nightingale,
Associate Commissioner for Health Affairs.

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[Docket No. 92E-0133]

Determination of Regulatory Review Period for Purposes of Patent Extension; Supprelin®

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined the regulatory review period for Supprelin® and is publishing this notice of that determination as required by law. FDA has made the determination because of the submission of an application to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, for the extension of a patent which claims that human drug product.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and petitions should be directed to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, Rm. 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John S. Ensign, Office of Health Affairs (HFY-20), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-1382.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-417) and the Generic Animal Drug and Patent Term Restoration Act (Pub. L. 100-670) generally provide that a patent may be extended for a period of up to 5 years so long as the patented item (human drug product, animal drug product, medical device, food additive, or color additive) was subject to regulatory review by

FDA before the item was marketed. Under these acts, a product's regulatory review period forms the basis for determining the amount of extension an applicant may receive.

A regulatory review period consists of two periods of time: A testing phase and an approval phase. For human drug products, the testing phase begins when the exemption to permit the clinical investigations of the drug becomes effective and runs until the approval phase begins. The approval phase starts with the initial submission of an application to market the human drug product and continues until FDA grants permission to market the drug product. Although only a portion of a regulatory review period may count toward the actual amount of extension that the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks may award (for example, half the testing phase must be subtracted as well as any time that may have occurred before the patent was issued), FDA's determination of the length of a regulatory review period for a human drug product will include all of the testing phase and approval phase as specified in 35 U.S.C. 156(g)(1)(B).

FDA recently approved for marketing the human drug product Supprelin®. Supprelin® (histrelin acetate) is indicated for the control of the biochemical and clinical manifestations of central precocious puberty. Subsequent to this approval, the Patent and Trademark Office received a patent term restoration application for Supprelin® (U.S. Patent No. 4,244,946) from The Salk Institute for Biological Studies, and the Patent and Trademark Office requested FDA's assistance in determining this patent's eligibility for patent term restoration. FDA, in a letter dated March 25, 1992, advised the Patent and Trademark Office that this human drug product had undergone a regulatory review period and that the approval of Supprelin® represented the first commercial marketing of the product. Shortly thereafter, the Patent and Trademark Office requested that FDA determine the product's regulatory review period.

FDA has determined that the applicable regulatory review period for Supprelin® is 2,876 days. Of this time, 1,930 days occurred during the testing

phase of the regulatory review period, while 946 days occurred during the approval phase. These periods of time were derived from the following dates:

1. *The date an exemption under section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act became effective:* February 8, 1984. No investigational new drug application (IND) effective date was stated in the application for patent extension. FDA records indicate that the IND effective date was February 8, 1984, which was 30 days after FDA receipt of the IND.

2. *The date the application was initially submitted with respect to the human drug product under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act:* May 22, 1989. The applicant claims May 19, 1989, as the date the new drug application (NDA) for Supprelin® (NDA 19-836) was filed. However, FDA records indicate that NDA 19-836 was submitted on May 22, 1989.

3. *The date the application was approved:* December 24, 1991. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that NDA 19-836 was approved on December 24, 1991.

This determination of the regulatory review period establishes the maximum potential length of a patent extension. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office applies several statutory limitations in its calculations of the actual period for patent extension. In its application for patent extension, this applicant seeks 1,752 days of patent term extension.

Anyone with knowledge that any of the dates as published is incorrect may, on or before August 3, 1992, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments and ask for a redetermination. Furthermore, any interested person may petition FDA, on or before November 30, 1992, for a determination regarding whether the applicant for extension acted with due diligence during the regulatory review period. To meet its burden, the petition must contain sufficient facts to merit an FDA investigation. (See H. Rept. 857, Part 1, 98th Cong., 2d sess., pp. 41-42, 1984.) Petitions should be in the format specified in 21 CFR 10.30.

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[Docket No. 92E-0023]

Determination of Regulatory Review Period for Purposes of Patent Extension; Ticlid®

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined the regulatory review period for Ticlid® and is publishing this notice of that determination as required by law. FDA has made the determination because of the submission of an application to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, for the extension of a patent which claims that human drug product.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and petitions should be directed to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, Rm. 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John S. Ensign, Office of Health Affairs (HFY-20), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-1382.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-417) and the Generic Animal Drug and Patent Term Restoration Act (Pub. L. 100-670) generally provide that a patent may be extended for a period of up to 5 years so long as the patented item (human drug product, animal drug product, medical device, food additive, or color additive) was subject to regulatory review by FDA before the item was marketed. Under these acts, a product's regulatory review period forms the basis for determining the amount of extension an applicant may receive.

A regulatory review period consists of two periods of time: a testing phase and an approval phase. For human drug

products, the testing phase begins when the exemption to permit the clinical investigations of the drug becomes effective and runs until the approval phase begins. The approval phase starts with the initial submission of an application to market the human drug product and continues until FDA grants permission to market the drug product. Although only a portion of a regulatory review period may count toward the actual amount of extension that the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks may award (for example, half the testing phase must be subtracted as well as any time that may have occurred before the patent was issued), FDA's determination of the length of a regulatory review period for a human drug product will include all of the testing phase and approval phase as specified in 35 U.S.C. 156(g)(1)(B).

FDA recently approved for marketing the human drug product Ticlid®. Ticlid® (ticlopidine hydrochloride) is indicated to reduce the risk of thrombotic stroke (fatal or nonfatal) in patients who have experienced stroke precursors, and in patients who have had a completed thrombotic stroke. Subsequent to this approval, the Patent and Trademark Office received a patent term restoration application for Ticlid® (U.S. Patent No. 4,051,141) from Syntex (U.S.A.) Inc., and the Patent and Trademark Office requested FDA's assistance in determining this patent's eligibility for patent term restoration. FDA, in a letter dated February 24, 1992, advised the Patent and Trademark Office that this human drug product had undergone a regulatory review period and that the approval of Ticlid® represented the first commercial marketing of the product. Shortly thereafter, the Patent and Trademark Office requested that FDA determine the product's regulatory review period.

FDA has determined that the applicable regulatory review period for Ticlid® is 5,487 days. Of this time, 4,772 days occurred during the testing phase of the regulatory review period, while 715 days occurred during the approval phase. These periods of time were derived from the following dates:

1. *The date an exemption under section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act became effective:* October 22, 1976. Applicant claims September 22, 1976, as the date the investigational new drug application (IND) became effective. However, FDA records indicate that the IND effective date was October 22, 1976, which was 30 days after FDA receipt of the IND.

2. *The date the application was initially submitted with respect to the human drug product under section*

505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act: November 15, 1989. The applicant claims October 31, 1989, as the date the new drug application (NDA) for Ticlid® (NDA 19-079) was filed. However, FDA records indicate that NDA 19-079 was submitted on November 15, 1989.

3. *The date the application was approved:* October 31, 1991. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that NDA 19-079 was approved on October 31, 1991.

This determination of the regulatory review period establishes the maximum potential length of a patent extension. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office applies several statutory limitations in its calculations of the actual period for patent extension. In its application for patent extension, this applicant seeks 731 days of patent term extension.

Anyone with knowledge that any of the dates as published is incorrect may, on or before August 3, 1992, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments and ask for a redetermination. Furthermore, any interested person may petition FDA, on or before November 30, 1992, for a determination regarding whether the applicant for extension acted with due diligence during the regulatory review period. To meet its burden, the petition must contain sufficient facts to merit an FDA investigation. (See H. Rept. 857, Part 1, 96th Cong., 2d sess., pp. 41-42, 1984.) Petitions should be in the format specified in 21 CFR 10.30.

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Determination of Regulatory Review Period for Purposes of Patent Extension; Ticlid®

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.